

CONSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON CORE

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Washington Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality; the short name shall be Washington CORE.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

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ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

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A. Active Membership

1. Responsibilities. An Active member pledges to contribute his best personal efforts and financial support on a regular basis. An Active member is expected to attend meetings, serve on committees, accept office, and participate in projects. He may vote on all matters.

2. Qualifications. In order to become an Active member, the candidate must first indicate his desire to be an Active member, and must be accepted by a majority of the already Active membership present and voting at a regular meeting. Active members must have an understanding of, and accept, the principles of CORE and the "Rules for Action". An Active member may be dropped from the Active membership list by a vote of two-thirds of the Active members present and voting at a regular meeting.

3. Voting. Only Active members of CORE may hold office or serve as chairman of permanent committees. Only Active members may vote for officers and on questions involving (1) CORE policy, (2) Acceptance of new Active members, (3) Amendments or changes in Constitution and by-laws.

B. Associate Membership.

Associate membership is open to anyone who accepts the principles of CORE and is willing to contribute actively and/or financially, but is not able to participate on a regular basis. Associate members shall pay minimum dues of \$3.00 per year. Associate members may attend meetings, serve on committees, and participate on projects. In matters involving action projects, Associate members are entitled to vote on procedures and tactics, but not on the adoption of projects.

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deciding ballot. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

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D. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall take and keep minutes of all meetings.

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A. Permanent Committees. The Permanent Committees shall be:

1. The Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the Chairmen of the permanent committees, and the chairman of any temporary committee whose activities are being considered by the Executive Committee. Two additional members shall be elected by the Active membership for terms of one year each. In addition, a retiring Chairman may at the discretion of a majority of the Active membership serve on the Executive Committee for the year following his term of office.

2. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall formulate and direct fund raising projects, and shall prepare and supervise the budget. It shall audit the Treasurer's books at the close of the fiscal year (May 31) and ensure that the requirements of the national Constitution have been complied with.

3. Community Relations Committee. This Committee shall handle publicity, and prepare press releases, letters to the editor, and letters to other organizations. It shall maintain a Speakers Bureau and shall work with other organizations in the community with a view to effecting joint efforts advancing the aims of CORE.

4. Projects Study Committee. This committee shall conduct background studies and investigations, and shall recommend new projects; it shall maintain records of its findings.

B. Temporary Committees.

1. Action Committee. An Action committee and chairman will be appointed by the Chairman for each project approved by the membership.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Notice of proposed amendments to this constitution must be sent to the membership at least two weeks before such changes are to be voted upon. Amendments shall be incorporated into this Constitution upon approval by two-thirds of the Active members present.

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Nothing in this Constitution shall be interpreted as conflicting in any way with the provisions of the Constitution of the Congress of Racial Equality, Inc.

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Revised Constitution

CORE - Congress of Racial Equality

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Section 2. CORE is a national multiracial membership organization composed of affiliated chapters, and of direct national individual associate (contributing) members. It shall represent the affiliated chapters and associate members on a national level and give voice to their convictions and ideals.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Any person holding active membership in any affiliated chapter, all National Officers and members of the National Action Council are active members.

Section 2. Any person who supports national CORE financially is a national associate member unless he wishes to be considered only a contributor.

Section 3. Active membership shall not be available to any person who (a) associates himself with any other group or organization which expounds a philosophy which is inimical or in contradiction to the fundamental principles of CORE; (b) persistently violates the CORE Rules for Action; or (c) attempts to subvert the CORE group through allegiance to other groups or organizations.

Section 4. The Steering Committee, as it deems necessary, may hold a hearing on the eligibility for continued membership of any active member. The Steering Committee must inform the affiliated chapter in question of its intent and must request a written statement from the affiliated chapter. If his membership in CORE is found to be in violation of the restrictions contained in this article, the Steering Committee shall then remove him from membership and exclude him from participation in National and local CORE groups. Within thirty-(30)-days after receipt of the decision by the Steering Committee to remove him from active membership, he shall have the right to file an appeal to the next meeting of the National Action Council or Convention, and the decision of the Council or Convention shall be final.

Section 5. Any active member removed from an affiliated chapter for whatever reason may appeal such removal to the Steering Committee and the next Council or Convention, whose decision shall be final. The Steering Committee must inform the affiliated chapter in question of its intent and must request a written statement from the affiliated chapter.

Article IV. Affiliations

Section 1. Local action groups may be affiliated by the Annual Convention, the National Action Council, or the Steering Committee. In order to apply for affiliation, a local group must have been in existence at least one month and have ten members. Its application must be accompanied by the affiliation form, and an acceptable constitution, and payment of non-refundable ten dollars fee. Each affiliating group shall be known as the Committee of Racial Equality and shall be abbreviated CORE, or as a chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and each group must accept the CORE Rules for Action and the National Constitution. At least one representative of National CORE (two when possible) shall visit the prospective group and report on it to the national organization before affiliation. In the case of a metropolitan area, where a new group applies and one or more CORE chapters is already affiliated, the existing CORE Chapter(s) shall be given an opportunity to make a statement relating to the application for affiliation of the new group.

Section 2. National CORE, or any of its affiliated chapters, may cooperate with other organizations, but may not affiliate with any organization when such affiliation requires National CORE or any of its chapters to relinquish their autonomy.

Article V. Disaffiliation

Section 1. Affiliated Chapters may be disaffiliated by the Steering Committee if the group has ceased to carry on CORE-type action; fails to file reports with National CORE; takes action not in accordance with CORE Rules for Action; acts in violation of this constitution; fails to support National CORE by not remitting monies due; falls below ten active members; or consistently takes position on matters not directly pertaining to race relations.

Section 2. Such suspension may be appealed to the next National Action Council meeting or Convention.

Section 3. Any affiliated Chapter upon failure for two years to submit monies due National CORE shall be declared delinquent and ineligible to vote at Convention.

Article VI. Officers and Duties

Section 1. The National officers of CORE shall be: Chairman, First and Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by the Convention, and the CORElator Editor.

Section 2. Duties of the Officers:

(a) Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at all Conventions and Council meetings. He shall appoint all committees at the National Council and Annual Convention, and he shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

(b) First and Second Vice-Chairman: The First Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman and the Second Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman. They shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to them by the Chairman.

(c) Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping a record of all Council meetings and Conventions.

(d) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for handling all funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards. He shall make regular reports to the Steering Committee, the National Action Council, and present a general report covering receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year to the Annual Convention.

(e) CORElator Editor: The CORElator Editor shall edit the official news bulletin of CORE and be responsible for distribution to affiliated chapters, associate members and interested individuals.

Article VII. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The Chairman, First and Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Annual Convention. The CORElator Editor shall be appointed by the National Action Council.

Section 2. Nominations for the officers to be elected at the Annual Convention shall be made by a nominating committee and by nominations from the floor.

Section 3. Elections shall be by secret ballot and by a majority of votes cast.

Article VIII. The Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of the national officers, delegates from affiliated chapters and members of the National Action Council, provided that no person can vote in more than one of these capacities.

Section 2. The Convention shall meet annually.

Section 3. Each affiliated chapter shall have five votes at Convention. No one delegate may cast more than three votes. Voting delegates must be active members of the affiliated chapter for which they cast their vote(s).

Section 4. The Convention is the highest governing body of CORE.

Article IX. National Action Council

Section 1. The National Action Council shall consist of: The National Director; The National Officers; two representatives from each of five geographical regions for two year terms, no two of whom may be from the same metropolitan area. At any Convention when two representatives from one region are elected, the candidate receiving the most votes shall serve for a two year term, while the next highest candidate shall serve for a one year term; in any case a majority vote shall be necessary to elect a representative. The aforementioned seventeen members of the National Action Council will elect five additional members, not two from the same chapter, to the National Action Council; at least three of the five must be active members of affiliated chapters. Their term will be one year.

Section 2. The National Action Council shall be the governing body CORE between Conventions.

Section 3. The National Action Council shall be empowered to fill vacancies in office, and shall meet twice a year, and more often at the call of the National

Chairman, or the National Director, or one-third of the affiliated chapters.

Section 4. Five geographical regions shall be established by a majority vote at Convention.

Article X. Steering Committee

Section 1. A Steering Committee of the National Action Council shall consist of the membership of the National Action Council. The Steering Committee shall meet at the call of the National Director or the National Chairman. The Steering Committee shall meet not less than eight times a year and shall be the governing body of CORE between National Action Council meetings and Conventions.

Article XI. National Advisory Committee

Section 1. The National Advisory Committee shall consist of individuals who will lend their advice, prestige and influence to promote the growth and welfare of CORE.

Section 2. Membership shall be conferred by either the Convention, the National Action Council or the Steering Committee. Members may be removed by action of the Convention.

Article XII. Staff

Section 1. The Staff shall consist of all persons receiving a full-time salary from CORE.

Section 2. The National Action Council shall appoint a National Director, who shall be the chief executive officer of CORE and be responsible for direction and coordination of staff and program.

Section 3. All other professional staff personnel shall be appointed by the Steering Committee on recommendation of the National Director.

Article XIII. Parliamentary Procedure.

All decisions at duly constituted meetings of the National Organization shall be by Roberts Rules of Order Revised, except as otherwise specifically modified in this Constitution, and the Chairman shall appoint a parliamentarian at Conventions and Council meetings.

Article XIV. Quorum

A Quorum for the transaction of business at a Council or Convention shall consist of not fewer than one-third of the delegates seated at the Council or Convention. This rule may be suspended by the Chairman. All business considered when this rule is suspended may be re-considered by a single majority vote when there is a regular quorum.

Article XV. Finances

Section 1. The fiscal year of the National Organization shall commence on July 1 of each year and end on May 31 of the following calendar year.

Section 2. All local affiliated Chapters shall have the same fiscal year as the National Organization.

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Section 3. Each affiliated local chapter shall pay a \$10.00 annual affiliation fee and ten per cent of its gross income to the National Organization within thirty (30) days after the close of the fiscal year.

Article XVI. Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the accredited delegates present and voting at the Annual Convention.

Section 2. This Constitution and any amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon adoption unless otherwise provided in the amendment.

Article XVII. Constitution of Local Chapters

Section 1. Each affiliated Chapter shall operate under a constitution that may not be in conflict with the National Constitution.

Section 2. Local constitutions shall define the process for granting active and associate membership. (a) Active membership must be approved by not less than a majority vote of the members of an affiliated chapter. (b) An active member must have an understanding of the nature of CORE and the Rules for Action.

BY - LAWS

1. Prior to the time the Nominating Committee formulates its recommendations, and not later than the day before elections are held, the Nominating Committee shall hold at least one meeting, open to all delegates, at which time delegates shall have the opportunity to make recommendations to the Committee. The time and place of this meeting shall be posted and announced.*

2. That the Nominating Committee nominate at least two persons for each office, and than they be listed in alphabetical order.

* By-Law #1: Binding for 1964 Convention only, and thereafter be judged workable or not.

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(3/31/64)

As accepted by the Active membership

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preservation of said minutes. The Recording Secretary, with the Membership Committee, shall be responsible for the maintenance of a current list of Active and Associate members.

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Section 1. Executive Committee. This Committee shall consist of the following voting members: the elected officers, the chairmen of standing committees, two additional elected members, and the past two Chapter Chairmen if they elect to serve. In addition, chairmen of temporary committees, and any other person invited by the voting members, shall be non-voting members of the committee. The Executive Committee shall meet regularly, transact the business of the organization between membership meetings, and implement the convictions of the Active membership.

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The Constitution and By-laws of National CORE shall have primacy over anything in this Constitution or the By-laws of this organization if the National provision is intended to be binding upon local chapters.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON CORE
MINORITY DRAFT, MARCH, 1964

ARTICLES I, II, III : Same as majority draft

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be

Section 1. Same as majority draft.

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Sections 4 and 5. Same as Sections 3 and 4 of majority draft

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Section 3. Add a second sentence to majority draft as follows:

"Such committees shall, if possible, function as sub-committees of a standing committee."

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF WASHINGTON CORE

1. MEMBERSHIP

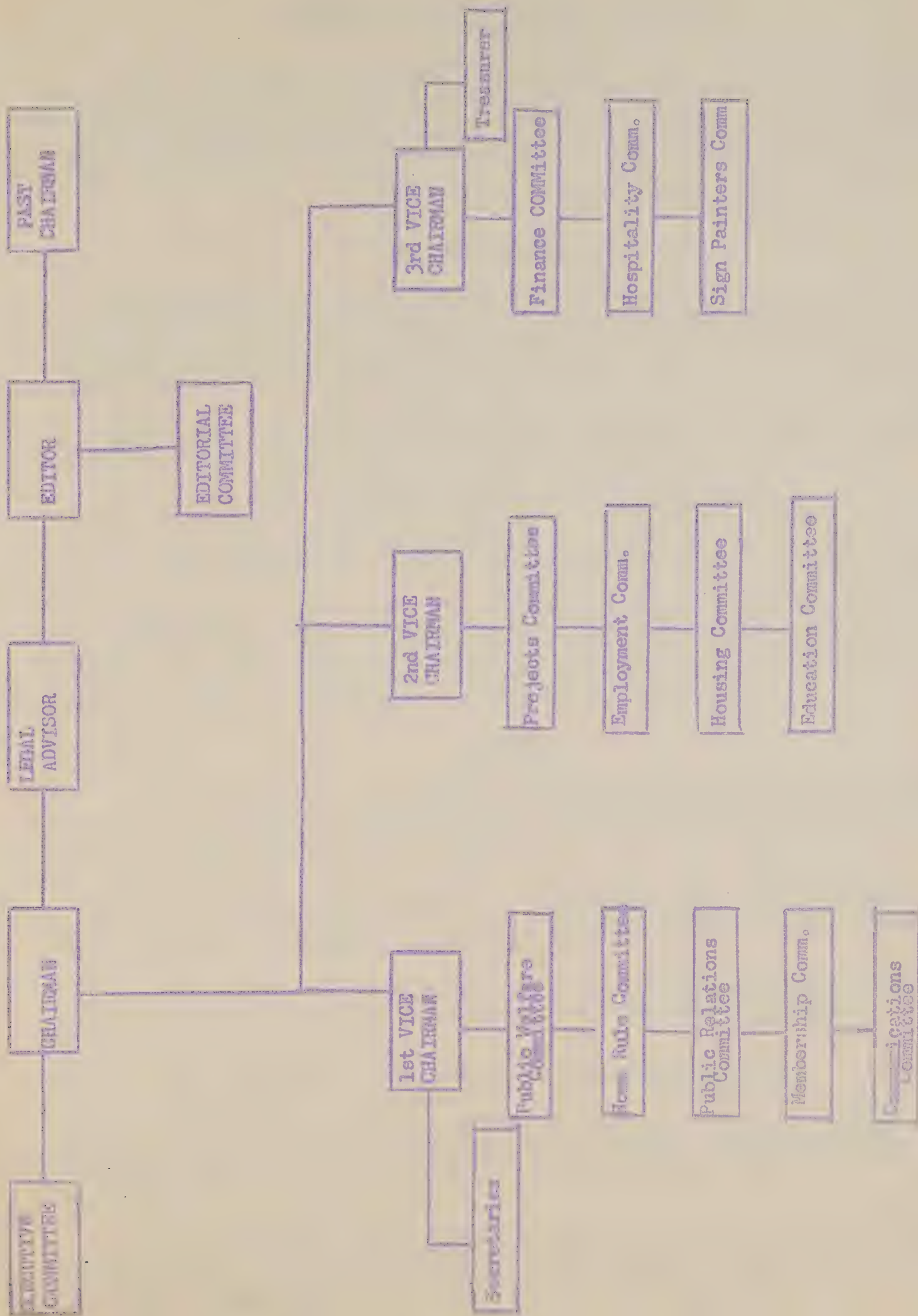
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- d. ~~An Active member shall serve on a committee and fully participate in the work of that committee. The Executive committee may, when clearly necessary, allocate Active members to a committee which does not have enough members serving thereon to fulfill its functions.~~
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SIMPLIFIED PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
BASED ON ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

This memorandum is designed to assist in the regular business of the convention. It is a simplified and condensed statement which will be of general assistance but cannot be expected to answer all questions of procedure under Robert's Rules of Order. If used with these restrictions, I believe you will find it a valuable tool.

Charles R. Oldham

GENERAL STATEMENT

An assembly having been organized, business is brought before it either by the motion of a member, or by the presentation of a communication or report to the assembly. Before a member can make a motion or address the assembly in debate he must obtain the floor by addressing the chair and being recognized.

Generally the person who rises and addresses the chair first is entitled to the floor, except preference is given to:

- a. Maker of a debatable motion who has not spoken.
- b. A person who has not spoken on the pending question.
- c. Person who presented report.
- d. The speaker who opposes the position of the previous speaker.

The general rules relating to debate provide that no member shall speak more than twice to the same question nor longer than 10 minutes at a time without leave of the assembly. No member can speak twice as long as a member who has not spoken desires to be heard. Debate must be on the matter pending before the assembly.

MOTIONS

1. Main Motion. Is a motion made to bring before the assembly for its consideration any particular subject. It cannot be made when any other question is before the group. Debatable, amendable, generally requires majority vote.

2. To Amend: This motion is to change, add, omit or substitute words or paragraphs in the original main motion or to substitute in whole. Debatable, majority vote.

To Amend the Amendment: This is a motion to change, add, omit or substitute words or paragraphs in the first amendment. Debatable, majority vote.

An amendment to an amendment cannot be amended.

The first vote is on changing words of second amendment, the second vote (if first vote adopts the amendment) is on the first amendment as changed; the third vote is on adopting main motion as changed.

3. To Commit or Refer: When a motion becomes involved through amendments, or further investigation is needed, it may be referred or committed by motion to a committee for further consideration. Debatable, amendable.

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4. To Lay on the Table: The object of this motion is to postpone the subject under discussion in such a way that it can be taken up at some time in the future when a motion "to take from the table" would be in order. Not debatable or amendable. (Note - this motion is sometimes used to cut off debate where a two-thirds vote is not available).

5. To Postpone: A motion to postpone the question before the group to some future specific time is in order, except when a speaker has the floor. Debatable, majority vote.

6. To Adjourn: This motion is always in order except:

- a. When a speaker has the floor.
- b. When a vote is being taken.
- c. Immediately after it has been voted down.
- d. When the assembly is in the midst of some business which cannot be abruptly stopped.

Under all the above circumstances the motion is not debatable. When the motion is made to adjourn to a definite place and time it is debatable and can be amended.

7. To Reconsider: The motion to reconsider a motion that was carried or lost is in order if made on the same day or the next calendar day, but must be made by one who voted with the prevailing side. No question can be twice reconsidered. Debatable, majority vote. Requires two votes; First on whether it should be reconsidered, second, on original motion after reconsideration. Vote on original motion need not be taken at that time, if reconsideration has been voted.

8. The Previous Question: Is to close debate on the pending question. This motion may be made to prevent debate or when debate becomes long and drawn out. It is not debatable. Requires two-thirds vote.

9. Point of Order: This motion is always in order, but can be used only to present an objection to a ruling of the chair or some method of parliamentary procedure. The form is "Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order." The Chairman: "State your point of order." After the member has stated his objection, the chair answers:

- a. "Your point of order is sustained" or
- b. "Your point of order is denied."

If any member is not satisfied he may appeal from the decision of the chair. The chair then addresses the assembly, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" This is debatable and the presiding officer may discuss it without leaving the chair. Voted on like any other motion: majority or tie vote sustains the decision of the chair.

CONSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON CORE
(3/31/64)

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This organization shall be known as the Washington Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, to be abbreviated as Washington CORE. The organization is an affiliate of The Congress Of Racial Equality, Inc., New York, N. Y.

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The purpose for which this organization has been formed and for which it exists is to abolish discrimination based upon skin color, race, religion or national origin, stressing nonviolent, direct action methods.

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(3/31/64)

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